



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety investigates fatal collision involving a Commercial Vehicle, Ford Explorer and Chevy Corvette *Killing two and injuring four others*

Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Officers are investigating a multi-vehicle collision which resulted in the deaths of 50 year-old Deborah Lou Oshaughnessy of Fontana California, and 31 year-old Matthew Aaron Bachrach 31 of Queen Creek, and injured four others. The collision occurred in the early morning hours of Sunday, September 07, 2008 on I-10 eastbound in the area of milepost 85. This incident involved three separate collisions and a total of three vehicles that occurred at about 3:44 this morning.

A Covenant Transport Tractor-Trailer commercial vehicle was traveling eastbound on I-10, when for an unknown reason veered off of the roadway into the left dirt shoulder, then corrected back onto the roadway before rolling over onto its right side and coming to rest in the center median with a portion of its trailer exposed in the left lane. The driver is Alfred Simister 40, hometown unknown. Both he and his passenger, Donovan McFarland, 41, hometown unknown were both transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

A Maroon Ford Explorer was traveling on I-10 eastbound in the left lane when the driver attempted to take evasive action but was unable to avoid hitting the trailer. The Explorer struck the semi-trailer, and rolled, partially ejecting the right front passenger, Deborah Lou Oshaughnessy 50, of Fontana California, who was declared deceased on scene. The driver, David Scow 19 of Fontana and rear passenger Donald Allan Scow 52 also of Fontana, CA. was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

A Silver Chevrolet Corvette was also eastbound in the left lane and struck the semi-trailer. The driver, Matthew Aaron Bachrach 31 year-old of Queen Creek, who was the sole occupant, was declared deceased on scene.

I-10 eastbound was closed off at exit 81 and diverted onto courthouse road then back on at exit 94. The roadway was closed from about 4:00 a.m. and re-opened at about 10:00 a.m. This caused some traffic delays and back-up during this time. The roadway was closed in order for DPS Investigators to complete their on-scene investigation. No enforcement action has been taken at this time. The collision is still under active investigation.

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